GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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POSTING OF ORIYA SPEAKING EMPLOYEES IN BANKS OF ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Public Sector Banks in Orissa are not giving proper representations to Oriya speaking people in employment ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard ;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure proper representation of local Oriya speaking people in the employment and postings in Public Sector Banks in Orissa ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a), (b) & (c) : Direct recruitment, both for officers and clerical cadre in the Public Sector Banks, is made through Banking Service Recruitment Boards (BSRBs). Examinations are conducted on all India level and candidates from any part of the country are eligible to apply for these posts. BSRBs conduct examinations for officers` cadre for a particular bank or banks assigned to them and for clerical cadre the examinations are conducted for meeting the requirements of all the Public Sector Banks in the area of operation of the BSRB. Reserve Bank of India have not issued any guidelines with regard to recruitment in Public Sector Banks. However, as per guidelines issued by Government to BSRBs, knowledge of local language has been stipulated as desirable for candidates appearing for the clerical cadre examinations. In addition, descriptive paper for clerical cadre is printed in English, Hindi and regional language and the candidates are given the option to write their answers in any of the three languages. The Committee on Human Resource Management has, inter alia, recommended to the Government, introduction of a test of local language, which may be of qualifying nature, for the clerical cadre. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration.